



## *The Vine*

### **Back to School....**

I ran these prayers two years ago in my Vine article. At the risk of thinking that this is like a TV rerun, I am printing them again. I think it is to pray for our children, particularly as they begin school, to provide again. Pam still has a copy of these in her Bible, but in case you didn't are again. Let's remember to pray whether we are students, parents, grandparents, or just someone who cares.

you remembering them or important enough for us these as resources once keep a copy, here they

#### ***A Parents' Prayer***

Dear Lord,  
As my children leave for school,  
I pray that you will keep them in your care.  
Send your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that is true and beautiful and good.  
Help them to see the gifts and talents  
you have given them and to use them well.  
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.  
Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.  
Give their teachers patience and understanding  
and help them teach what is just and true.  
Send your Spirit to guide and guard my children  
and to keep them from all harm.  
Open their hearts to your presence  
and enfold them in your peace and protection.  
Hold them in the palm of your hand  
and bring them home safely at day's end.  
Amen. [ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com)



### **A Student's Prayer**

Help me remember that you're always by my side  
at school and all day long.  
Help me be the best student I can be,  
using all the gifts and talents you've given me.  
Help me study well and often  
– especially when I don't feel like studying at all!  
Help me finish all my homework – on time.  
Help me listen to my teachers and coaches.  
Help me play fair and play safely,  
Help me be honest when I'm tempted to cheat.  
Help me always tell the truth.  
Help me be kind to everyone at school  
and to treat others as I'd want them to treat me.  
Help me make good friends  
and help me be a good friend to others.  
Help me know how I can help others  
and to ask for help when I need it myself.  
Help me love and respect, trust and appreciate my parents  
- and to be honest with them.  
Help me remember that you're with me always, Lord,  
and that you'll never leave my side.  
Amen. [ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com)

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### **ACOLYTES**

Acolytes is a program for our 4th through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Through serving as an acolyte, young people have an opportunity to participate in and help to lead in worship. After the initial training meetings, we meet for a Jr. Youth fellowship type program for fellowship, learning, and fun about two times per month. The first three dates that we will meet are September 15, 22, and 30th at 5:30 pm at the church. Acolytes will begin to serve on Sunday, Oct. 6. Please see Pastor Doug or just show up on September 15 at 5:30 pm.

Thank you to the trustees for all your time, energy and commitment you have put into the parsonage these last few months. From a precious Saturday morning showing up and pulling carpet and flooring up to getting rid of a dead tree in the front yard. Each and everything you do is very much appreciated!

The Baitingers



# The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

Three-Time Nominee for  
Readers Favorite Venue  
by SJ Christian Events!

Friday, Sept. 20th  
7:30pm  
Free Admission  
Free Coffee, Tea,  
Baked Goods!

## DAVE *pettigrew*



Call him "the poet for the common man's search for Christianity." Dave Pettigrew proves worthy of the title through his collection of thought-provoking music for life.

Mantua United Methodist Church  
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856-468-2711.

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or email [mariakreh@gmail.com](mailto:mariakreh@gmail.com)

Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.  
Call Maria if you can help.

<http://www.davepettigrew.net>  
<http://www.twitter.com/davepettigrew>  
<http://www.facebook.com/davepettigrewmusic>



## Upcoming Dates!

**Eddy Mann**

Friday, October 18, 2013

**The Eons**

Friday, November 15, 2013

**Chelsea Musik**

Friday, January 17, 2014

**One of Six**

Friday, February 21, 2014

**Dana Isles & Facedown**

Friday, March 21, 2014

**Above the Fall**

Friday, April 11, 2014

**Headstone 118**

Friday, May 16, 2014

Imagine Hope Restored in Camden  
Would you help us restore hope in  
the lives of the children of Camden?  
Please join us as we take part in



# WALK FOR HOPE

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013  
Registration 10:30 am  
5 K Run/Walk 11am-12:30pm  
Washington Lake Park  
Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd.  
Washington Twp.  
Proceeds benefit:  
**Kids Alley**  
[www.kidsalley.org](http://www.kidsalley.org)

For More Information please contact:  
Deb Baldassarre [debba688@comcast.net](mailto:debba688@comcast.net)  
Or  
Kids Alley Office ☺ 856-340-1710

## MISSIONS FAIR

September 28th

Three Districts:

**Gateway South - Delaware Bay -  
Cape Atlantic**

At Sicklerville UMC

The fall Missions Fair is going to make a great impact on stewardship and vitality in local churches. Pastors and other leaders need to begin to plan for this amazing program.

Come and be inspired by learning how United Methodists reach across our state, our nation and our world. Truly, "The world is *our* parish!"

The District United Methodist Women will be joining the day as part of our program. All UMW members are especially urged to attend the UMW meeting and workshop, along with the other special parts of the schedule.

## Certified Lay Servant Fall Classes

Mondays, Oct. 21 - Nov. 18

7:00-9:00pm

\$50.00

First UMC

National Park, NJ 08063

Instructor: Rev. Robert Tomer

**Save the Date!**

**Bring your leaders!  
Bishop's Day on the  
Gateway South District**

**September 18th**

**St. Andrew's UMC  
327 Marlton Pike W.  
Cherry Hill, 08002**

## September 2013 Mantua Methodist Vine

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director

**2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV), "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."**

This exciting, unending series researches the KJV Bible with other sources.

## **OUR WHITE MAJORITY DAYS ARE NUMBERED**

### **WHAT IS RACISM?**

In Genesis Adam and Eve, our ancestors, were created in the image and likeness of GOD. No mention of skin color. Therefore, there is only one race...the human race. We are able to cross-breed...impossible if skin color makes us different. Racism is a false, non-Biblical SCANDAL.

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT RACISM?**

Our childhood world has changed from a mostly white-dominated society. By 2040, the 49% white population will end supremacy. "Inter-racial" marriages will be the norm. Racism is EVIL.

The Letter of James comments refer to discrimination.

*(NRSV) James 2:4, "...have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?"*

### **"GOD DON'T MAKE NO JUNK PEOPLE"**

*(NRSV) Psalm 8:4, 6, "...what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?...you have put all things under their feet..."*

The recent trial has raised the question: **"Why does racial profiling exist?"** The Bible says LANGUAGES, NOT SKIN COLOR separated the human race. Do we feel we are superior?

### **"THE GREAT DIVORCE"**

I EZRA the decree was followed where the Jews, released from Babylonian captivity, divorced all foreign wives. This was done as explained in EZRA because the foreign mate's false religions corrupted the Jewish Religion. Recent archeological excavations found worship places mixed with Jewish Symbols and foreign idols. Divorce was necessary for Jewish Religion survival.

*Deuteronomy 7:3-4, "Do not intermarry with them...that would turn away ... children from following me, to serve other gods"*

### **INTERNECINE (MUTUALLY DESTRUCTIVE) BEHAVIOR?**

We do not own the Mantua Methodist Church. We are not authorized to screen for the "proper" people or to exclude "undesirables". A Church is not a private club with false standards as rules.

### **OSTRACISM (BANISHMENT)**

Many years ago a person was blamed for causing a suicide. Two weeks later they were "advised" at the front door not to come in. They never returned. Church judgment? Shame on us!

### **THE CHURCH'S FUTURE?**

In my opinion, the closed Church front doors should be opened. (There are doors inside to stop appreciable A/C or Heat loss). The closed doors are an insult to the term "Welcome". Does the rear "main entrance" guarantee our privacy from strangers? How do we encourage outsiders to come to a Church that appears cut off from the outside world? Or do we like it the way it is?

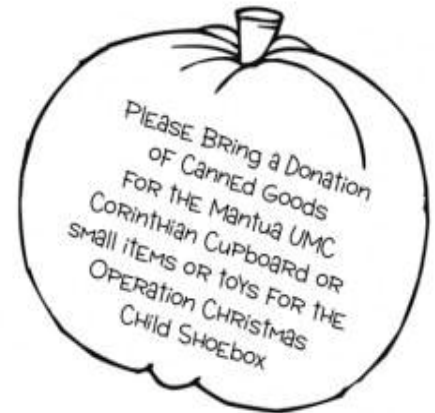
The Church has several partially filled pews. We have a very low non-white population. Why?

Are we ready to accept all inter-racial marriages including our children or grandchildren?

*The future is now. Be ready for it!*

United METHODIST CHURCH OF Mantua - Family Fun 4th Annual EVENT

# Trunk or Treat



## Saturday, October 26th

## 6:00 - 8:30pm

## UMC of Mantua Parking Lot

Raindate Information: Sunday, October 27th 4:00 - 6:00pm

Check Out our Website for Updates: [mantuaumc.org](http://mantuaumc.org)

Sign Up Forms due on 10/20

Kmberly Wagner 415.0610

[familyfunmantuaumc@hotmail.com](mailto:familyfunmantuaumc@hotmail.com)

### Trunker Sign Up Form

Please fill out this form by 10/20 to participate as a "Trunker"  
Drop off this form in the Family Fun Box in Fellowship Hall  
This event is open to the public-  
Please invite your family and friends to participate!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Vehicle: Car SUV Truck Other

Are you giving out: Candy\_\_\_ Drink\_\_\_ Game/Activity\_\_\_ Craft\_\_\_

Additional Details will be available! Check the Family Fun  
Bulletin Boards throughout the church and also on [mantuaumc.org](http://mantuaumc.org)  
Questions? Please Contact: Kimberly Wagner 415.0610



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR  
TRUNK SHOULD BE DESIGNED AND  
DECORATED WITH "KID-FRIENDLY" DECOR!  
NO BLOOD/GORE DECORATIONS  
OR SCARY COSTUMES WILL BE ALLOWED.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For many years, the J.U.G. Class has been supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection. This project is one of many that Samaritan's Purse sponsors throughout the world. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970 Samaritan's Purse has helped victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37d

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that if you stacked **100 million shoe box gifts** on top of each other, they would be 26,000 times higher than the Empire State Building? That's an awesome amount of shoe boxes, and the best part is that **we helped!**

We want to continue to help reach the children of the world with the Love of Jesus and this is a great way to continue to do that. So... we hope you will once again support this project. Shoe boxes will be available or you can use your own. We will be collecting them during the month of October and until November 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, donations will be accepted toward the \$7.00 per box shipping cost. Prepaid shipping labels are available on the internet that will enable you to know which country received your box.

If you have any questions, please see any JUG member. Thank you again for your support.

### ***Youth Update - Realville***

So this is a time... a time of great change for the Realville group - it is time for a facelift!!! I am Penny Kirkbride and I want you to know.... I look nothing like one of the guys.....

I am looking forward to working with the youth at Mantua Methodist. My hope is to pick up where Jim & Mark left off and to bring all the youth together with one plan. We need to get focused, focused on Jesus. We have been told, "God has a plan for your life." Each of us is called to reach for greatness. My hope is to help them refocus on God's plan.

We are starting Realville on September 15th, 7th to 12th grade from 7:00 - 8:30. I would like to also start a College age Bible Study at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm before Realville. The Bible study group are encouraged and welcome to stay and help during Youth Group.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or food to feed this crew..... please feel free to contact me. Here is my info:

My cell is 856-404-2080 (it is on at all times)

My email is [onecentkirk@comcast.net](mailto:onecentkirk@comcast.net)

I can also be found on Facebook - Penny Lynn Hamilton Kirkbride

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

God Bless!  
Penny K

**United Methodist Church of Mantua  
Ministering Through Video  
Painless Fundraiser**



- ◆ **Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards.**
- ◆ **The Church receives 5%**
- ◆ **You receive gift cards dollar for dollar.**
- ◆ **It costs you nothing!**

**Currently:**

**We sell approximately \$1,000 of gift cards per month.  
Annually we earn about \$600.**

***Where does the money go? It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV. In addition, contributions have been made to The Roof Fund, Chime Choir Repair, UMC Mission Trips and The Carpet Fund.***

**Goal: We have a goal of \$1,000 per week. This is easily achievable! If we only had 50 families that shop at Shop Rite and each family bought one card per week, that would be \$1,000. The church would earn \$2,600 per year.**

***When we meet this goal, MTV would not only be mostly self-supporting, we would also be able to make larger contributions for other church needs.***

**Action: LET'S DO IT!**

**Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards  
and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to  
The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise!  
It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!***

**Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer**

**\*\*Fundraising Update! Our gift card weekly sale average has gone up to \$462 per week from \$250 per week! We are making great progress! Keep up the great work!**

***Corinthian Cupboard***

The Corinthian Cupboard is in need of some specific items or gift cards to purchase items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Baked Beans  
Applesauce & Canned Fruit  
Chicken Gravy  
Snack pack pudding  
Canned Yams & White Potatoes



Mashed Potatoes  
Tuna fish  
Cranberry Sauce  
Coffee & Tea  
Cookies & Crackers



# Happy September Birthday!

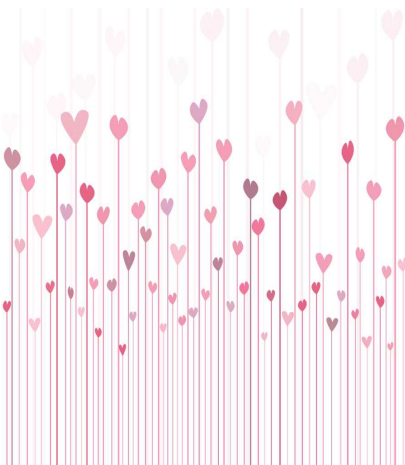
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- 2 Ryan Rollins
- 3 Lynn Bobzin  
Emily Preece
- 4 Lynn Jameson  
Marc Nagtegaal
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- 6 Moira Fox  
Ryan Heston
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- 24 Tom Beckett  
Debbie Daniels  
Carol Lewis  
Kristie McMullen  
Linda Rumbol
- 25 Mark Thompson
- 26 Christopher Makaro
- 27 Tara Gallagher
- 28 Diane Gooch
- 30 JoAnn Colaneri  
Laura Holman  
Christina Skalit  
Joseph Skupien

## Happy September Anniversary

- 2 Jim & Ruth McManamy
- 7 John & Robin Degirolamo
- 8 Bob & Judy Bufala
- 9 Rich & Joanne Guarrera
- 15 Kim & Danielle Kraft
- 16 Bob & Muriel Lisle
- 17 Michael & Dawn Liloia  
Nakoa & Sarah Reed  
Rick & Ryan Rollins
- 19 John & Karlynn Bradley
- 21 Michael & Jill Salvatore
- 22 David & Mariya Steckclair
- 23 Robert & Charlene Borgersen
- 26 Bill & Kristen Armstrong
- 27 Carl & Joanne Pape  
Bryan & Cathleen Skupien
- 30 Ted & Dorothy Dorofee



## Music Ministry

Would you like to serve the Lord? Do you enjoy singing? Why not consider joining one of the choirs of our church.

**CHERUB CHOIR** - four years old through second grade - Thursday nights @ 7:00 pm  
?? - call Mrs. Joyce Wescott, 4468-2765

**JUNIOR CHOIR** - third through eighth grades - Sundays immediately following 9:15 worship service  
?? - call Mrs. Nancy Overton, 478-0741

**SENIOR CHOIR** - ninth grade through..... - Thursday nights @ 7:30 pm  
?? - call Mrs. Kathy Durand, 468-0384

### CHIMES CHOIRS

**JUNIOR** - third grade through eighth grade

**SENIOR** - beginning at ninth grade

?? - call Mrs. Amy Stanton, 468-9298

Cherub and Senior Choirs will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 12. Jr. Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, September 8th. Anyone interested in just singing in the Christmas Cantata should contact Kathy Durand for further information.

## Boscov's Event Celebrating the Neighborhood Center "Friends Helping Friends Day" Oct 22, 2013

Family & Friends are invited to be a part of the "Friends Helping Friends Day" to support the Neighborhood Center.

Passes may be purchased for five dollars (\$5.00) and you will spend a day enjoying shopping with a 25% Discount-plus enjoy refreshments and entertainment in any Boscov's Location

Boscov's credit card, any major credit card, cash or check will be accepted for payment

For additional Information, Contact Margie Williams, Gateway South UMW Neighborhood Center Coordinator @ 856-435-6710 or [marge08083@yahoo.com](mailto:marge08083@yahoo.com)

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